

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-2, 8-21 remain pending in this application. Claims 3-7 and 22-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In response to the Response to Rule 312 Communication of December 4, 2006, in which it was indicated that the 312 Amendment filed on October 12, 2006 was entered in part, Applicants request entry of the amendment. Accordingly, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed.

The typographical error with regard to the numbering of claim 22 as claim 21 noticed by the Examiner has been corrected.

Entry is hereby requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C.

By  30, 2007  
Shrinath Malur  
Reg. No. 34,663  
(703) 684-1120